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SITUATION AS OF 0745 EDT, 04/15/94

• (C) Two companies of Belgian metropolitan paratroopers have been moved from Kigali to Nairobi. Evacuation of Belgian nationals is essentially complete, except for a few stragglers. The GOB hopes to complete the withdrawal of all non-UNAMIR Belgian forces by 1400 Brussels time (0900 EDT) April 15. (TF/Embassy Brussels telcon)

• (L) Embassy Bujumbura reported that the Government of Belgium has granted assylum to Rwandan Human Rights activist Alphonse Nkubito. (TF/Embassy Bujumbura telcon)

• (S, Wintel nofor) Official Belgian service reported that the RPF had virtually surrounded Kigali on April 14. Heavy firing of artillery and anti-aircraft weapons occurred near the airport and stadium throughout the day April 14. The towns of Nyagtare and Babiro were under RPF control. The towns of Byumba, Mutara and Ruhengeri were surrounded by RPF forces. The French have evacuated their fourth company from Kigali. About 50 French troops remain and will leave with the last Belgian military elements. The French will retain a force in Central African Republic which could intervene in Burundi if necessary. (IR RUEAIIA 8696)

• (U) There is an unconfirmed FBIS report of a massacre in a church near Kigali in which 1,200 people were killed, the majority of them children. (FBIS)

• (U) Embassy Brussels reported that there is a report on Flemish TV that UNAMIR forces at Kigali airport are coming under fire from both RPF and government troops. The television reported that UNAMIR forces will return fire. (TF/Embassy Brussels telcon).

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